

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

ART UNIT 3733

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Molz IV, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REPLACING THE FUNCTION OF FACET
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 28, 2006, please enter this amendment and reconsider the outstanding issues in this matter.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.